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Application No.: 10/670659 Group Art Unit: 3752

Filed: September 25, 2003 Examiner: Barney, Seth E.

Title: SECURITY CLIP FOR SPRAY GUN CONNECTOR

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, dated May 3, 2005, in the above-identified application.

This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

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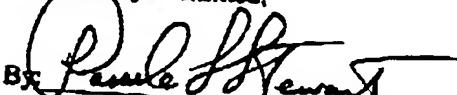
Claims 1 to 40 are pending. In an effort to expedite prosecution, rejected claims 1-8, 11, 13-15, 18-31, 36 and 38-40 have been canceled. Claims 9, 10, 12, 16, 17, 32-35 and 37 have been amended herein to overcome the Examiner's objection that the claims are dependant on a rejected base claim; thus, with this amendment, the case should be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

August 3, 2005

Date

Respectfully submitted,


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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

TOTAL CLAIMS	40	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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OR SMALL ENTITY

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TOTAL	

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OR TOTAL	

SMALL ENTITY

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OR TOTAL ADDT. FEE	140

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OR TOTAL ADDT. FEE	

AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
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TOTAL ADDT. FEE	

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
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